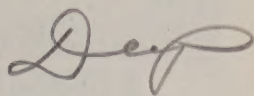


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HOW SERIOUS IS FALL-OUT?

An article in the Feb. 10, 1958, issue of *Life*, by Drs. Edward Teller (inventor of the H-bomb) and Albert Latter, gives the impression that there is very great danger to be feared from the continued testing of nuclear weapons. The authors suggest that this danger is less than that from wearing a wristwatch with a radioactive dial, and far less, in terms of life expectancy, than regular cigarette smoking.

Both the logic and the "facts" of the article have been challenged. The authors are accused of slanting, misinterpretation, and the use of "Orwellian" language in "Dr. Teller Refutes His Own Case," prepared for the FOR by Prof. E. R. Stabler, of Hofstra College. Prof. Stabler's article will appear in the May 1 issue of *Fellowship*; advance copies in mimeographed form are available on request.

Nobel Prize winner Linus Pauling has challenged the implications of the Teller-Latter article also, in a reply published in *I. F. Stone's Weekly* for Feb. 24, 1958. (5618 Nebraska Ave., N. W., Washington 15, D. C.) Without attempting to deal with the subject completely, the principal criticisms seem to deal with these points:

1. The Teller article assumes knowledge that is not yet available. Scientists warn that ignorance about the effects of radioactivity is the most significant fact today, and that we may take actions in ignorance that will be irreparable.

2. Teller and Latter evaluate the dangers in terms of averages and percentages rather than real numbers. Thus Pauling points out that the two days decrease in average life expectancy

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BALTIMORE -- CINCINNATI -- ST. LOUIS

The National Conference of the FOR has always been a time when members could gather to share their experiences and hopes, to evaluate the past year and plan for the future. It has been a time of inspiration and renewal for both membership and staff, a time when the bonds of fellowship are tested and tightened.

This year the faith of the Fellowship seems more relevant than ever. Nonviolence has demonstrated its power in dramatic ways in the South; pacifism is a word heard more and more frequently in public discussion. The need to re-examine and reinforce our convictions and our techniques is imperative. So that more members might have the chance to share in such a process, the "national conference" for 1958 actually will be a series of seven conferences in various sections of the country. Three will be held in the spring, four in the late summer and fall.

On page 3 of this issue you will find details of the three spring conferences to be held in Baltimore, Cincinnati and St. Louis. Each one will challenge pacifist thinking in two major areas: bomb tests, missiles and disarmament, and reconciliation in racial tensions. Don't miss them!

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Fall-out (cont'd)

ancy cited by Teller may actually represent the death of a million people 10 to 20 years earlier than they would have died if no tests had occurred. Similarly the "negligible" increase in genetic damage is translated into 15,000 additional defective children born each year. Both Pauling and Stabler ask what would be public reaction to testing new machine guns on 15,000 children each year.

3. The Teller-Latter article assumes a Third World War and the need to prepare for it. Those who would stop the tests assert that such an action not only would spare the world the dangers of fall-out, but would also be a step in the direction of peace.

Golden Rule Returns: Sails Again March 20

Buffeted by a storm described as one of the Pacific's worst in 20 years, the pacifist-manned ketch *Golden Rule* was forced to return to San Pedro, California, for repairs 14 days after it had sailed from that port.

Since the nuclear tests which its sailing were to protest are scheduled to continue through August 15, plans are to sail again as soon as possible. A target date of March 20 has been set, though repairs and the search for a seaman to replace inexperienced crew member David Gale may delay it until April 1.

Plans are under way also to enable a team of four to carry a similar protest to the Soviet Union, probably in May.

Conference Speakers

Harold Bosley, former minister, Vernon Place Methodist Church, Baltimore, now at First Methodist, Evanston, Ill. One of Methodism's best-known speakers. (Baltimore)

Henry Hitt Crane, minister of Central Methodist Church, Detroit, also is one of the country's best-known clergymen and most articulate pacifists. (St. Louis)

Alfred Hassler, editor of *Fellowship*, acting executive secretary of Fellowship, author of *Diary of a Self-Made Convert*. (Baltimore, Cincinnati, St. Louis)

Charles R. Lawrence, chairman of National Studies Dept., Brooklyn College, and national chairman of FOR. (Cincinnati)

Matthew McCollum, Methodist minister and NAACP chairman, Orangeburg, S. C., and leader of Negro nonviolent movement there. (Baltimore)

Kelley Miller Smith, minister, First Baptist Church, and chairman, Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tenn. (St. Louis)

TV, Satevepost, Discover Gandhi and Pacifism

Pacifists accustomed never to have a reference to their kind except in their own publications are getting a healthy diet of public discovery these days. The increasing knowledge of what clear war would be like seems to be making pacifism almost respectable.

If the Post Office manages to get this issue to you before March 16, you can see one of the more dramatic instances of this on CBS-TV's *Twentieth Century* program, which that Sunday afternoon gives an impressive portrait of the life of Gandhi. Written by Sid Hertzberg, the show refers repeatedly

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THE NATIONAL CONFERENCES

Top speakers, exciting panel discussions, special interest groups, reports of the activities of the Fellowship staff and members, display of pacifist literary and audio-visual materials, and an inspiring experience of comradeship with persons who are deeply concerned to substitute nonviolence and compassion for violence and hatred--these are the features of the FOR 1958 conferences. Plan to attend at least one.

The Program for All Conferences

<i>Friday</i>	12:00 -- Lunch
n. -- Registration and Tea	1:30 -- Special interest groups
-- Dinner	2:30 -- Panel of scientists, <i>Bomb Tests, Missiles and Disarmament</i>
-- Public Meeting	3:30 -- Discussion and questions
<i>Saturday</i>	4:15 -- Plenary session
n. -- Worship	5:45 -- Dinner
-- Panel, with FOR's "reconciliation team"-- <i>New Techniques in Race Relations.</i>	8:00 -- Public Meeting
0 -- Discussion groups	

In Baltimore dinner will be at 5 p.m. and the plenary session Saturday at 6:30.

Place -- Time -- Speakers

Baltimore

Morgan State College Christian Center, 1700 North Avenue and Arlington Ave., April 18, 19. Lunch and dinner at college \$1 each. Friday evening: Dr. Harold Bosley, minister of First Methodist Church, Evanston, "Alternatives to Annihilation." Saturday evening: Rev. Matthew McMane, integrationist leader of Orangeburg, S.C.; Alfred Hassler, FOR acting executive secretary.

Friday evening: *Alfred Hassler*, FOR acting executive secretary; another speaker to be announced.

Saturday evening: *Charles R. Lawrence*, FOR national chairman.

St. Louis

Saturday evening: Rev. Matthew McMane, integrationist leader of Orangeburg, S.C.; Alfred Hassler, FOR acting executive secretary.

Place to be announced. May 2, 3.

Friday evening: *Rev. Kelley Miller Smith*, chairman, Nashville Southern Christian Leaders Conference; *Alfred Hassler*, FOR acting executive secretary.

Saturday evening: *Dr. Henry Hitt Crane*, minister of Central Methodist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Cincinnati

First Unitarian Church, April 25, 26.

REGISTRATION FORM: Rush to FOR, Box 271, Nyack, New York

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Baltimore - April 18, 19 () Cincinnati - April 25, 26 () St. Louis - May 2, 3

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Note: Baltimore registrations must be in by April 10.

NEWS from the peace front

TV, Satevepost (cont'd from p.2)

and out loud to nonviolence and satyagraha.

On March 4 another TV show starred Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy in the story of Alfred Nobel and the Baroness von Suttner, who was admirably described as a pacifist.

The *Saturday Evening Post*, not usually leading the pack in this field, ran as its feature article in its March 1 issue Chester Bowles' "What Negroes Can Learn from Gandhi." While Bowles is unconvinced that nonviolence can work in a non-democratic context, the article is a long step forward for the *Post*.

Things are looking up, friends. Now if only someone could carry the good news to Washington!

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FOR member Edwin T. Dahlberg, new President of the National Council of Churches, continues to hammer at his proposal to substitute "massive reconciliation" for massive retaliation. Speaking of the misery in much of the world, he told a conference in Washington on February 25 that "we can no more disperse it by military might than we can scatter a cloud by shooting machine guns through the mist. Only the love of God and man, with accompanying acts of mercy and compassion, can change this global climate."

The *New York Times* reported March 6 that the "most important contemporary development in British political life is the organization of mass public opinion into a movement supporting nuclear disarmament." Its origins, says the *Times*, are not Communist; the "pacifism, anti-militarism and evangelism of certain groups in British society." The movement heads up present in the Campaign of Nuclear Disarmament, of which Bertrand Russell is president and Canon Lewis J. Collins of St. Paul's Cathedral chairman of the executive committee.

A new French pacifist weekly paper *Liberte*, has been launched with support from Abbe Pierre, Jean Cocteau, Albert Camus and long-time FOR member Henri Roser. Accompanying it is a new organization called *Secours aux Objecteurs de Conscience* (Aid to Conscientious Objectors).

Reprints are now available of John Nevin Sayre's "The Church and Volitional Pacifism," which was published in the January 1 issue of *Fellowship*.

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